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STATE REPRESENTATIVE FRED BROWN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Brown to step down at end of month

Austin – State Representative Fred Brown today announced his retirement from the Texas House of Representatives. With the regular and special sessions concluded, he will vacate his seat on June 30, 2011.

“It’s been my honor and privilege to serve the people of our community for more than two decades in elective office,” Brown said.

“By stepping down now, I can give my successor the opportunity to better prepare for the next legislative session when it convenes in January 2013, as well as accrue seniority to better fight for Texas A&M and Bryan/College Station,” he continued.

Brown has reunited with his former business partner in the auto business, Garland Shelton, and will be heading a dealership in Temple, Texas. He, and his wife Jane, will be relocating to Salado, Texas later this summer.

“From my first day in office, I’ve fought for the traditional values that make our community special. I’ve been a champion for taxpayers, worked to cut waste from government and hold the line on taxes. And, I’ve been a strong advocate promoting secondary and higher education, as well as job training initiatives. But, perhaps my proudest moment was authoring legislation to provide tax relief for our senior citizens and then passing a constitutional amendment to allow their property taxes to be frozen,” Representative Brown concluded.

Fred Brown served previously as a City Councilman in College Station for 9 years and for the last 12 ½ years as Representative serving in the Texas House.

During his tenure, Representative Brown personally worked to cut billions of dollars from the budget as a member of the Appropriations Committee and authored numerous bills, including House Joint Resolution 16 a state constitutional amendment to freeze property taxes for our senior citizens. In the 77th session, Rep. Brown reduced tuition rates during summer sessions of Higher Education. He also passed HB 133 in the 79th session so that active military personnel and veterans could receive college credit for related training received during their service. In the 80th session Rep. Brown was proud to pass another group of bills aimed at increasing access to Texas A&M and other institutions of Higher Education during off peak times. This last regular session Rep. Brown successfully passed one of his most meaningful bills on behalf of the King family, called "Nathan's Law." This law sets the minimum punishment for distributing

medication to a minor without parental permission while in a daycare facility as a class A misdemeanor. Also in the 82nd session he offered taxpayer protections against companies who defraud state agencies who operate on tax dollars.

As State Representative, Brown was given the *Champion of the Taxpayer Award* from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility; the *Guardian of Small Business Award*, from NFIB - National Federation of Independent Business, and the *Fighter for Free Enterprise Award*, from the Texas Association of Business. For his strong commitment to education during his legislative tenure, Brown was also named *Legislator of the Year* by the American Association of University Professors (Texas Conference), the Texas Council of Faculty Senates and also the Texas Association of College Teachers.

Brown most recently won re-election with 64% of the primary vote in a run-off and was unopposed in the general election.

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